[Mr. G. Raman Menon.]

23rd April 1926, will the Government be pleased to state whether the Nairs were not suffering from disability and lack of opportunity for engaging themselves in trade and industries, owing to the fact that they had generally no individual financial credit, because of the impartibility of *tarwads* brought about by courts of law, which prevailed in full force until recently, and which still prevails to some extent, that compulsory military service was required of them by the Government in former times, and that they were required to work as Government servants and Palace servants from time immemorial?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to reconsider the matter of giving special encouragement to the Nairs in commerce and industries in view of the facts referred to above?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) The answers are in the negative.

*Sale of Salt in the Port Salt Depôt.*

115. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the letter that appeared in the *Trivandrum Daily News*, dated the 2nd October 1926, under the caption "Sale of salt in the Port Salt Depot";

(*b*) the names of the parties to whom salt was sold from the Trivandrum Port Salt Depot from the 1st Chingam to the 15th Kanni 1101, and the quantity sold to each; and

(*c*) the names of the parties to whom salt was sold from the Trivandrum Port Salt Depot from the 1st Chingam to the 15th Kanni 1102, and the quantity sold to each?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

| (*b*) *Name.* | *Quantity.* |
|---|---|
| Oosman, Vallakkadavu. | 2,200 maunds. |
| Abdulla Sait, Chalay. | 100 do. |
| Central Prison authorities. | 16 do. |
| Saith Cannoo, Vallakkadavu. | 400 do. |
| Abdulla Sait, do. | 200 do. |

| (*c*) *Name.* | *Quantity.* |
|---|---|
| Central Prison. | 16 maunds. |
| Agrasala. | 96 do. |
| Fish Curing yard. | 200 do. |

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): From the answer to parts (*b*) and (*c*) I see that, while 2916 maunds of salt were sold between the 1st Chingam and the 15th Kanni 1101, only 312 maunds have been sold between the said dates in 1102. May I know from the Government the reason for this huge fall in the sale of salt?

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**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*) : I submit, Sir, that, strictly speaking, it does not arise as a supplementary question. The information is not here, and, if the member wants it, the Government have no objection to call for the information.

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Are the Government aware that the merchants sent in a petition to the effect that the salt is full of sand and other impurities ?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*) : When did they send it and to whom ?

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : I believe they sent it to the Excise Commissioner in Karkatakam 1101.

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AYAR** (*Secretary to Government*) : That also does not arise from the question. The information has to be called for.

**MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) Will the member take this as my notice ?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*) : That is not possible ; the member will have to send up a fresh question.

*Details of additional Expenditure at Bhaktivilas in 1097, 1098 and 1099.*

116. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the details of additional expenditure, if any, incurred at Bhaktivilas during the years 1097, 1098 and 1099 ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

| *P. W.* | 1097 Rs. | 1098 Rs. | 1099 Rs. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Painting walls ... | 205 | ... | ... |
| Providing door to bath-room and removing a cross wall ... | 33 | ... | ... |
| Improvements to out-houses ... | 255 | ... | ... |
| R. C. tank with pump and piping ... | 1,813 | 150 | ... |
| Levelling premises ... | 126 | ... | ... |
| Works to Private Secretary's office building ... | 301 | ... | ... |
| Compound wall in rubble *Maramat.* ... | 2,907 | ... | ... |
| Improvements to bandy-stand ... | | 54 | 117 |
| Improvements to room near *nalukettu* ... | | 283 | ... |
| Renewing floor of guard-room ... | | ... | 152 |
| Painting walls .... | | ... | 1,413 |
| Renewing door-curtains and grass matting ... | | ... | 1,425 |
| | 5,640 | 487 | 3,10 |

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